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### **IT'S SIMPLE. MOVE OVER, FLORIDA!**

*~FHP, other law enforcement launch awareness campaign ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – *Move Over*. They are two simple words that can mean the difference between life and death to the first responders who work alongside Florida's busy highways.

In an effort to bring new awareness to Florida's Move Over law, the Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement agencies across the state have declared June as "Move Over – Slow Down - Save a Life" month. During the month-long safety campaign, law enforcement officers will work together to better educate the public about the law and the threat that ignoring it can pose to first responders.



"Our troopers are out there every day working traffic stops and crash scenes along busy highways with cars speeding past them, often just feet away," said Col. David Brierton, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "And every day they face the real possibility of never going home to their families because someone fails to obey the Move Over law."

Understanding Florida's Move Over law:

- The law protects law enforcement officers, emergency workers and tow truck drivers stopped along roadways while performing their jobs;
- It requires motorists to move over when a patrol car, emergency vehicle or tow truck/wrecker is stopped on the side of a road with lights flashing. If such movement cannot be safely accomplished, motorists shall slow down to a speed of 20 mph below the posted speed limit.
- Approach the emergency vehicle with caution;
- Violating the Move Over law puts motorists and public safety professionals at risk.

The phrase Move Over is more than just words. It is an action required on everyone's part in order to make Florida's busy roads safer for everyone—whether they are first responders or stranded motorists waiting for assistance. If you see anyone on the side of the road, Move Over for their safety. A life depends on it!

Read more on Florida's Move Over Law at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/SafetyTips/MoveOverTips.htm>.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and

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